

**MINUTES**  
**CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**7:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014**  
**ROOM A, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURHOUSE**

**Members Present:** Kevin Campbell, Roger Richman, Joe Pederson, Wayne Lepper, DiAnn Streifel, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Chuck Hendrickson, Russ Colson, Jon Evert

**Members Absent:** Jim Haney

**Others Present:** Kirk Rosenberger, Colleen Eck, Shannon Thompson, Larry Henry, John Buck (MPCA), Tim Magnusson

**On motion by DiAnn Streifel, seconded by Roger Richman, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.**

**On motion by Jon Evert, seconded by Russ McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the May 1, 2014 minutes.**

**Update on Landfill Activities**

Larry Henry stated that they have hired some young seasonal help for picking paper at the landfill. Landfill staff has replanted grass on the slope again after the last seed washed out. They replanted the entire berm with spruce trees and lilac bushes. The leafy spurge has been sprayed, and will be sprayed again in the fall. They will be receiving 6,000 yards of concrete from the Moorhead power plant and will use it to construct a road going to the new scale. They may have to relocate a few wells at the site. After the scale is installed, the pricing will change and haulers will need to be notified of the upcoming changes.

The landfill has been receiving four 40-yard loads of fines from Perham per week, but has not started shipping any loads back to Perham. The fines get spread after they are dumped and have not been able to be used for daily cover. Kirk Rosenberger added that there are a lot of organics in the fines right now, but they hope to get it down to mostly grid. Perham is aware they are being charged for these loads.

Henry noted that they found a hole in the methane header pipe that may have been punctured during construction. It is now patched and the header pipes join all the wells together. Joe Pederson mentioned that there was supposed to be ample methane for Anheuser-Busch.

**Update on Collections, Recycling, and Public Education Programs**

Shannon Thompson stated that she missed the last SWAC meeting because she was in Ada that day. She reported the following: Barnesville's electronic collection produced 23,000 lbs. with

250 drop-offs; Moorhead's electronics collection more than filled a semi with 360 drop-offs; Hawley's electronic collection received 150 drop-offs; and spring clean-up week produced large totals for electronic collections. The recent semi-annual fluorescent bulbs and electronics collection for businesses brought in just 24 businesses from the 500 flyers that were sent out. The next collection is for empty pesticide containers.

There is a new recycling site in at Skree Township hall along County Hwy 10. There will be a recycling pilot project this summer at the Romkey Apartments. At this time, Skaff Apartment management is not in support of providing recycling for their tenants. Rosenberger noted that the apartment owners need an incentive to provide recycling. As new apartments are constructed, they need to plan ahead to allow space for recycling. Roger Richman added that the recycling site at the hockey arena in Moorhead is unsightly and difficult to access.

Thompson mentioned ongoing educational programs at the school, a new County website coming, and a Green Corp staff person starting this fall.

### **Updates**

Kirk Rosenberger announced that the Clay County Board of Commissioners gave authorization to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority. Jon Evert noted that it gives the County some ownership and is a good agreement. Kevin Campbell added that it will increase the life of our municipal landfill. It is going in the direction of regional solutions, and Kirk Rosenberger has steered it along since he came on board. He noted that the County will become official members on September 1. The City of Moorhead will try adapting their equipment at the Moorhead Transfer Station, but they may need a new transfer station because of the age and wear and tear of the current transfer station. Rosenberger has been meeting with Steve Moore about pursuing a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to minimize the amount of material going in the landfill and to Perham. Ideally, a MRF should be located along with a new transfer station, electronics collection site, Household Hazardous Waste facility and compost site. A new facility would cost \$10 to \$14 million and they are looking at four different sites. An RFP (request for proposal) would be needed to identify markets for material, financial costs, study the sites, and for preliminary engineering for a MRF.

**On motion by Jon Evert, seconded by Roger Richman, and unanimously carried, the committee recommended to the County Board that they approve authorization to issue an RFP for a Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility Study. Prior to the motion passing, Joe Pederson made a motion to table the discussion, which was seconded by Russ Colson, but did not pass.**

Rosenberger will draft an RFP and send it to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee members for their review/input before it goes to the County Board for final action.

**Update on Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program**

Julie Kennedy stated that the Household Hazardous Waste facility had a slow start this spring, but the amount of product coming in has started to increase. She mentioned that “Paint Care” take-back program involving businesses that sell paint was scheduled to start on July 1 in Minnesota, but has been delayed.

John Buck was introduced as the MPCA representative from the Detroit Lakes office.

**On motion by Joe Pederson, seconded by DiAnn Streifel, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.**